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To whom it may concern,

As a listener of satellite radio, I am greatly concerned by the notion that XM radio should not be permitted to provide local information or coverage. Satellite radio is an innovative idea that provides an alternative to those radio stations which become so weighed down with the same material day after day. XM provides a variety of programming that cannot be surpassed by any local radio network. As XM is a paid service, the National Association of Broadcasters claim that it should be curtailed or controlled is offensive. Most importantly, I am a middle school teacher who teaches and holds up our capitalistic society as the reason that services and products are forced to improve. It is shocking to me that something, which is in no way harmful to the public, should be banned just because it is in competition with existing services. The National Association of Broadcasters should be instructed to improve their services as this is the very essence of our way of commerce and industry in this country. In conclusion, I respectfully and emphatically urge that the FCC reject the National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160.

with great concern and interest,
Brian Owens